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SGA Newsletter

This year's Student Government Association has begun its term of office with the initiation of a Constitutional Convention. This convention will completely review the present Constitution and hopefully propose the revisions necessary for stronger control and organization within the structure. A committee has been established to draft a proposal stating the duties, conduct and composition of this convention. This proposal should be presented to Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 26. If passed, work on the Constitution should begin almost immediately. A complete format of procedures will be announced to the student body in the near future.

From the nominees (Mr. Bor, Dr. Swartley, Mr. Hawk, Mr. Cebula, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Gilmore) the Senate elected Mr. Bor as Faculty Advisor. Mr. Bor is a Political Scientist, and has a master's degree in Constitutional Law. He is presently working on the last stages toward his doctorate. This is Mr. Bor's first year at Community College. He has taught at Drexel Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania.

At the same meeting of Tuesday, Nov. 19, Senate passed by-laws for attendance at Student Government meetings. Senators who are absent three times from meetings automatically resign from the Senate. Three latenesses to such meetings constitute one absence. These rather strict regulations are intended to insure that the elected representatives of the students are not neglectful of their offices.

Senate has also recognized the Political Awareness Committee and Delta Phi Alpha (Data Processing Association) as legal clubs on campus. There are several organizations presently petitioning for recognition by the Student Government. These clubs will hopefully be established and recognized in the very near future.

Student Government holds its meetings every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. in room 616. All students are invited and urged to attend these sessions. Any ideas or suggestions from students will be welcome.

Lecturer Discusses Pearl Harbor

"All politicians are thieves and murderers." These were the words spoken by Dr. Abraham Feldman, history professor, as he addressed an open meeting of the Philosophy Club on Nov. 22. Dr. Feldman was invited to the meeting to speak on the "real meaning of Pearl Harbor."

Dr. Feldman takes exception to the government's spoonfeeding propaganda ("lies") to the unsuspecting public. The "official" version of what happened at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, leaves open several unanswered questions.

According to Dr. Feldman, Roosevelt, feeling compelled to act, asked Congress to declare war on Germany, Italy, and, incidentally, on Japan also. So war was declared, and to get even with Japan, we immediately went into North Africa. (Dr. Feldman's insinuations).

Evidently, it is generally agreed that Pearl Harbor was the second strongest fortified harbor in the world (next to British Singapore). Pearl Harbor was protected by troops, battleships, aircraft carriers, and planes, all kept up-to-date to the best of our ability to do so.

For further protection, just prior to the attack, Roosevelt ordered the North Pacific Fleet moved into Pearl Harbor.

However, with all this protection and fortification, on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese Air Force bombed Pearl Harbor, killing over 3,000 American troops, and destroying four or five battleships, and a large number of other ships (cruisers, destroyers, etc.). But, even with all this destruction, the United States had not lost a single vital force of its Navy (meaning aircraft carriers, which were on patrol at the time.) Roosevelt had this spectacular reason for now entering the war with the full support of the people.

Here you have big question number one. Where was the South Pacific fleet, and why didn't it retaliate on Japan? This hasn't been answered to this day.

Question number two-- From the

Roberts Commission (appointed to "look into the facts" involving the attack on Pearl Harbor) "Mulligan stew" of a report, the government admitted, even bragged, that we had managed to crack the Japanese code sometime before the attack. We even knew there would be an attack; we just didn't know when.

As a matter of fact, the Japanese apparently got the plan for the attack from an American Admiral Yarnell, who designed a model for an attack on Pearl Harbor as a hypothetical problem. According to Yarnell's plan, the attack would take place on a Sunday. The only thing we didn't know from listening to the decoded Japanese signals, was the exact execution order. But one man, a Captain Saford, told the Roberts Commission that he saw the execution order and issued the information to the War Department in Washington. The Commission sluffed off this testimony and said that Captain Saford was seeing things.

Even without the execution order, questioned Dr. Feldman, if we knew everything else about the attack, what happened?

On top of this, Japan claimed that the United States threatened her with force by means of a so-called letter ("ultimatum") issued by Secretary of State Hall, in which the United States warned Japan to "get out of Asia--or else."

Japan took this as a threat so Pearl Harbor was attacked and the United States entered into the war.

Dr. Feldman insists that his word not be taken, but that we should look up for ourselves the "facts" involving the truth of Pearl Harbor. Due to a lack of time, Dr. Feldman was unable to conclude his entire discussion. Perhaps he can continue at a future date.

NOTICE

CCP will be closed tomorrow and Friday (Nov. 28 and 29, as part of the Thanksgiving holidays.

The college will be open as usual on Monday when classes resume.

WCCP Manager Exposes Issues

By Pacita Cruz

The issues involving the closed circuit campus radio station were exposed during a recent interview with WCCP station manager Howard Weitz who disclosed that "WCCP is tired of the administration dictating policy to us."

Weitz went on to say that one of the major problems concerning the station is the current cut back in broadcasting time. He mentioned that this semester, the administration has restricted WCCP to a maximum of two hours on the air each day.

He emphasized that "the actual limitation of the radio would be acceptable if this is the wish of the majority of CCP students. The most important point to be made is that the students should have the final say of when and how long WCCP may broadcast, not the administration."

Weitz also feels that WCCP has the potential of functioning as one of the prime communications media within the college. He further stated, "No one will convince me that students always read the bulletin boards for information. And since the COMMUNICATOR is printed once every two weeks, the radio attempts to supplement as a source of student information. More than ever our goal is to reflect the 'student's voice' in the school, and we are working earnestly for that end."

When asked the reason for WCCP's time cut, Weitz said he was told by the Director of Student Activities, that people like to study in the vendeteria. "If this is so, said Weitz, "I feel sorry for them. While it's true that study facilities are also limited, students have few other places to socialize. I

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Mixer Tonight

A mixer will be held tonight from 8-12 p.m., in the vendeteria.

Featured at the event will be "The Sound Incorporated with the Moral Brothers and Intruder Daryl" and also the recorded music of the "Soul Kings."

Patt Eichwald, chairman of the Social Committee, announced that tickets will remain on sale all day, today, in the main lobby. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Mayor Endorses N. Phila. Site

Mayor James H. J. Tate announced last week that a site in North Philadelphia has been chosen as the location for CCP's second campus.

He said that the college will attempt to acquire a site for the \$35 million campus in the vicinity of the Penn Central and Reading Railroads on north Broad street. The mayor said that he thought that the selection of this site was "a practical and creative solution to the expansion problem of the college" and added that "our preliminary studies indicate that the site offers many advantages in terms of accessibility and land area."

Laird H. Simons, chairman of the CCP Board of Trustees, said that the precise acreage of the proposed North Philadelphia campus has not been defined and will depend upon detailed economic and engineering feasibility studies.

According to Simons, the earliest completion date for the first buildings on the campus would

be 1971.

He also emphasized that the proposed North Philadelphia campus will supplement not replace, the present location in center city.

The North Philadelphia campus will be the second of three planned to be operational by 1975 under the college's ten year plan.

Location of the third site has not yet been determined.

Each campus will have the same basic two-year liberal arts program, but each will specialize in specific areas of technology, such as engineering, paramedical careers, human service careers, and computer science and business administration careers.

Simons also said that it is hoped that all campuses will be centrally located and readily accessible by public transportation from all parts of the city.

In a statement which was issued by the mayor's office, he commented that cost considerations may make it desirable for the college to join forces with other interests - commercial, industrial, governmental, and educational - in order to effect a comprehensive development of the area.

Charles E. Bertrand, president of the Reading Company, said: "We are always interested in developing our property when it is to the benefit of the Reading stockholders and would be willing to discuss the matter with the parties interested in the site."

Ad Libitum Starts Dialogue

By John Kurtz

An ad libitum on education by faculty and students was held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m., in the Founders Lounge of the college. The moderator was Dr. C. Walther Thomas, Dean of Instruction.

In the lounge, faculty members and students sat in a circle and began the first of what is to be a series of ad libitum on education, especially as it is approached here at CCP. Dr. Thomas described the ad libitum as "a discussion in which those involved are at complete liberty."

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"A student at Community College should realize that his every individual action reflects upon student groups, the student body and upon the college. Therefore, it is his individual responsibility to insure that his conduct measures up to the standards set by the community, the College, and himself." — General Information on Conduct, Student Handbook, 1968-1969.

Photo by George Creed

Editorial Comment

Feedback

During the past few weeks, members of the student body have been confronted with a number of petitions on almost every subject imaginable.

Weeding through the reams of circulated appeals, we have found one which we think deserves some consideration.

Members of the staff of WCCP are trying to rally the students to help them get more air time for the "closed circuit campus

radio station." We feel that this is just one of the symptoms that can be seen in the present plight of the station.

Getting to the bottom of the issue, we share the hope of many of the station's leaders in looking forward to an independent radio operation some time in the near future.

Such an operation would necessitate selling radio time, in order to pay for the equipment used at

the station, and a varying range of subjects. (e.g. - news, sports, music, current affairs, etc.)

In short, we would like to see a more "professional" approach to radio broadcasting and communication.

We would like to pledge our full support for any step taken by the station managers in this direction.

Despite the recent "feedback", we feel that with the overwhelming student support that the station managers have, they cannot fail.

Issues Examined

A Plea For Thanksgiving

From John Kurtz

Because of the war in Nigeria-Biafra, by the time you have finished reading this newspaper, 150 human beings, mostly children, will generally through total starvation, be dead. By this time tomorrow, 10,000 more will be dead. By March of 1969, 6,000,000 will be dead. These lives will be in addition to the over 1,000,000 who have died already in a war which has received less coverage and attention than the one in Vietnam, although the cost in lives and casualties is much larger. These devastating figures are and will be the results of the ghastly war between Nigeria and Biafra in the western part of Africa. This war with its slaughter and starvation has raised once again the horrendous face of genocide in our world, on terms paralleling the terror and atrocity in Germany during World War II.

The war which is now 18 months old, but whose roots run deep into the history of West Africa, got its start towards disaster in January of 1966, when a coup d'etat, led by young Ibo officers overthrew the coalition government made up of Hausas and Ibos, which had ruled Nigeria since its independence from British domination in 1960. Nigeria, which the U. S. had hoped would be the model for the newly emerging countries of Africa, is a country of approximately 50 million, with 200 different tribal groups. There are three main tribal groups in Nigeria, the Yorubas in the West, the Ibos in the East, and the Hausas in the North. The Ibos have long been resented by the other two factions, since they have been known for their industrious progress and responsiveness to modern education, a trait which the latter groups have not developed.

In July, 1966, Hausa military officers led a counter-coup and captured the government. From May to Nov., 1966, Hausas in Northern Nigeria slaughtered over 30,000 Ibos in a pogrom which to this day has the Ibos convinced that the Hausas and federal troops are out to ultimately exterminate them. In response to this action led by Maj. Gen. Yakuba Gowon, Nigerian Chief of State, Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu, head military

leader in the predominately Ibo Eastern region, ordered all non-Ibos out of the Eastern region. While this was going on, 10,000 Ibo fled the North to the East.

On May 30, 1967, as violence grew, Ojukwu declared the Eastern region, Biafra, Independent and seceded from the Federal state of Nigeria. Days later federal troops invaded Biafra, and the war began. To this date, negotiations have failed, and the Biafrans fighting against much greater odds, have lost much of their territory, from 29,000 square miles to about 50 square miles.

In the last several months, the war has taken on a new dimension as Britain, Egypt, Russia and West Germany, have been supplying Nigeria with modern arms and ammunition. France has been doing the same for Biafra. Modern weapons have increased the loss in civilian lives and complicated the situation immensely, as these outside powers attempt to protect their opportunity of gaining the oil in both Nigeria and Biafra.

As the Biafrans lost more and more land, the women and children, were forced to retreat from their villages and go deep into the rain forests. Cut off from supplies, they have been dying from starvation by the thousands each day.

Relief efforts by such groups as the International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, and the American Friends Service Committee, have been hampered by the resistance of the Nigerian government, who intentional or indirectly are committing genocide against the Ibos, and by the logistics of reaching the starving. Great amounts of food are being held up in the port of Lagos in Nigeria.

Slowly but surely the Ibos are being starved and slaughtered out of existence. No matter what your political viewpoint, (the political situation is terribly complicated), we cannot and must not allow millions of innocent women and children to die.

It seems particular relevant (although it should be this way all the time) at this time, when men of good will are giving thanks for what they have and contemplating

about the ills that beset man, that we do not block from our minds the terrible tragedy which is occurring in Western Africa. It is mandatory that we act now, for with every tick of the clock another life passes from our midsts.

When you sit down this year to your Thanksgiving feast, remember the dying children of Biafra. If you desire to help you can take the following actions:

Take three postcards and send one each to your Congressman, your Senator, and the State Department. On the back of the postcards write the following words: Help End the Nigerian-Biafran War - Help Save The Starving Children!

If you would like to make a contribution to aid in the relief efforts, money can be sent to the following organizations, and be sure to specify use for Biafran relief:

The International Committee of the Red Cross, Eighteenth and D streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006;

The American Friends Service Committee, 160 north Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, Pa.;

UNICEF Greater Philadelphia Area Committee, 1218 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Let us not awaken again from our period of silence to say, "Where were we while six million died." Any of the above actions will probably only take you the same amount of time as a Thanksgiving prayer.

WCCP

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don't believe we are interfering with anybody's studying habits."

Weitz also discussed the question of WCCP's volume. He said that "this definite problem can be remedied by the purchase of new equipment - a matter over which we have no control. Contrary to popular belief, we don't have top radio equipment." The station manager also mentioned that currently petitions are in circulation for the purpose of showing support for WCCP and Students Rights in general.

Finally, Weitz said that "we want to initiate an entirely new format geared specifically to the students here it is extremely difficult to properly communicate within the school within a two-hour period. However it's up to the students."

Film Schedule Altered

Because of a change in the college calendar, the following films will not be shown when classes are not in session: "The Three Penny Opera" - Jan. 8 and "Adam's Rib" - Jan. 15.

A retraction of remarks printed in the Nov. 13 issue of the COMMUNICATOR under the headline "Treasurer Attacks SGA Appointments" has been submitted to the editor-in-chief by Miss Nancy Prusienski.

In The Mail

Justices Are "No Longer People"

Editor:

It was interesting for me to see your article on the recent trial. Admittedly, your reporter covered one of the incidents which offered comic relief to the overwhelming tragic atmosphere, however, the other aspects deserve a look.

First, I would like to point out one bit of common ground between the two sides in this controversy. Both sides made repeated reference to the "apathetic majority." This term, intended to be derogatory, is directed at me and my kind of people, that is to say students who attend class, study and make attempts, feeble as they may be, at learning. Because we leave power struggles to power hungry politics does not mean that we are apathetic at all. Not only should our windy political friends stop using this term because it is a derisive distortion but it also may serve as a pin prick which would puncture the bubble of political apathy causing students to govern themselves, thus forcing the politicians to join the ranks of the retired and unemployed. I am sure the attaches of the "apathetic majority" are opposed to this end.

Next, it seems justices, when they don austere robes, are no longer people. This is a strange circumstance. No one is to speak, informing himself and his friends concerning the disputes being discussed. The gavel is wielded and guards (elected by no one) are posted to see that the gallery, packed with members of the "apathetic majority," remains quiet even if it is no longer apathetic. Being a fool, I can picture a court based on such idle ideals as "All men are created equal" and "We are law unto ourselves. Our reason is law."

In this court, all men and women of course would discuss and debate the problem in question and the outcome would be decided by a majority vote after the debate subsides. I guess expecting justices to recognize the validity of the freedom of speech, of assembly and democratic process in general, is asking too much.

After all, then the justices would also join the ranks of the retired and unemployed, their jabbering would carry no more weight than anyone else's and this is unthinkable, I'm sure.

Finally, I humbly submit that my making an utterance was not the real grounds for my being contemptible in the eyes of the court. Other people had spoken out of turn and even played music from an electrical device on one occasion. No, I'm afraid my comment cut through the gibberish about platforms, the popularity of candidates, etc., reading something close to the truth and this is what was contemptible to that august group of justices.

Warren T. Hope

Proposal For Advising

Editor:

The present academic advising program here at CCP has created, rather than alleviated problems. Under the current system, all of the students are assigned to a very limited number of advisors who are also faculty members. Previously, every faculty member was designated to advise a smaller group of students.

With the tremendous influx of students and overcrowded conditions now plaguing CCP, it seems that the older policy should be seriously considered. In addition, to these very obvious points, I would like to emphasize some of the more evident faults of the new advising method through contrast with the old.

The new system claims effi-

ciency and specialization for both advisor and advisee. However, it is even less efficient than the old method, since there are now more students and fewer advisors. It is also no more specialized than the former, since the advisors are still faculty members, not specialists.

The new system also lacks personal rapport between the student and advisor. This was difficult enough before, but never the less possible under the old program.

A reinstatement of the old system of academic advising might not eliminate all of the present problems; but it would provide a better way of maintaining some sense of identification in the school.

Pacita Cruz

Dean Explains "Politics" Incident

Editor:

On the editorial page under the heading "Politics at CCP" you raised the question why, inconsistent with his policy, Dr. Sherwood had permitted leafletting on the main floor of the college and you specifically referred to the yellow leaflets of which I attach a copy.

In justice to Dr. Sherwood it must be stated that on Thursday, Oct. 31 I received a call from the Office of the City Representative advising that "we would be requested" to assist in getting out the "yes" vote on the loan questions which appeared on the ballot of November 5. I was told by Mr. Wiener that the passage of the loans would help the city to better assist our college in developing needed facilities. I was informed, furthermore, that 2,000 leaflets were being printed and would be placed at our disposal. I stated that the college could not possibly fail in supporting a loan question which would guaranteed its much needed expansion and the improvement of present facilities.

When the 2,000 yellow sheets were delivered to my office and when I realized that they were being distributed in behalf of a committee of which Mayor Tate is the honorary chairman, I realized that it would have been highly "unpolitical" to have denied distribution and availability of these fliers on our campus. Most of our full-time students are not of voting age, but the majority of our part-time students are.

In a three-way telephone conversation with Mr. Wiener and with Mrs. Williams and me at the other end of the line, we ascertained that the actual loan question did not refer specifically to the Community College. After conferring with Dr. Bonnell and Dean Sherwood, it was I who authorized placing these fliers at points of distribution in the lobby of the college. Let me assure you and the student body that I was not motivated by partisan considerations, but by what seemed necessary and called for under the prevailing circumstances.

C. Walther Thomas

Dean Rebuts Recent Column

Editor:

Having been something of a "campus activist" all my university career (I am still a registered graduate student) and having supported "liberal (that newly dirty word!) causes" all my adult life, I have more than a little sympathy for Mr. Kurtz's concern for change (Communicator, 20 November 1968). Unfortunately, it is not enough to stand in the vanguard shouting "Follow me!" while riding off in all directions at once.

If I understand Mr. Kurtz's article he and others of like-mind are concerned with establishing something called "student power." And in Mr. Kurtz's Alice in Wonderland-world ("Words mean what

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On The Town

'Happiness Bench' Unhappy Experience

By Howard M. Miller

According to the program notes, Thomas Bellin's comedy, "The Happiness Bench," "won rave notices when unveiled in a Los Angeles workshop production last winter." The notes don't specify what kind of workshop the play was "unveiled" at. Perhaps it was a workshop for the mentally incompetent.

"The Happiness Bench" is an unfortunate mixture of "Ma Perkins" and "Little Mary Sunshine," with just the slightest dash of Edward Albee thrown in for kicks. It is largely a spoof on the typical tear-jerker soap opera (as if they didn't do the job well-enough on themselves). As a matter of fact, if you do decide to go to the play, better bring an umbrella. There's enough weeping in the first act alone to launch Noah on a second voyage.

The play tells the tale of Arnold and Agnes Wexler, a loving pair, whose idea of a good marriage is one in which the couple has to constantly face and overcome disasters. (In-laws, disease, financial setbacks, etc.) The binding force of their marriage is a park bench ("The Happiness Bench"—get it?) where they meet to argue, make up, and, in between Agnes's false pregnancies, make love.

Into this euphoric scene comes HER best friend, Meldina, paragon of Virtue, (with a capital "V") whose thing is playing tennis, and HIS best friend, Harry the Hippie, epitome of Vice (ditto), and master of putting people on and down.

Arnold thinks it is a good idea to get Harry and Meldina together, but Agnes has taken a vow, "Harry Cantrelli will never set foot in my house." (Also in upper case letters—People in this play speak quite a bit in capital letters).

They strike a compromise and arrange a meeting in the park, at the happiness bench, (how jolly) for Sunday brunch.

Meldina and Harry meet each other before Agnes and Arnold show up, and after a big put-on, put-down scene by Harry, they find they're starting to dig each other. But along comes Aggie and Arnie who proceed to tear them apart

"Rosemary's Mama"

By Marc Werlinsky

A dreary old house in London-town, Elizabeth Taylor, Mia Farrow, and an aging Robert Mitchum, combine with a highly confusing plot, to make "Secret Ceremony" a film that tries, but fails, to rival a Hitchcock thriller.

Directed by Joseph Losey, "Secret Ceremony" utilizes the acting talents of these three stars, to make up a dire need for action. The characters portrayed by Misses Farrow and Taylor, and by Mr. Mitchum, prove to be a weird assortment, adding to the shroud of mystery and confusion that surrounds the film.

The story centers around a 22-year-old Mia Farrow, doomed to a life of eternal immaturity, who mistakes a woman of unknown origin (Elizabeth Taylor) for her recently deceased mother. Mia, to add to her troubles, has a stepfather (Robert Mitchum) who craves her body.

Considering the actors involved, the acting is nothing more than the nominal average, supplying only mild interest in the film.

"Secret Ceremony" is the kind of film you can probably see on television in a couple of years, on an off-night.

"for your own good."

Finally at the end, the do-gooders give up on their "friends" and clutch each other, looking forward to the next disaster they can use to prove just how wonderful their marriage really is.

The curtain falls and we vigorously applaud. (Hooray, it's finally over).

Really, the play is nothing more than a much overextended Mike Nichols/Elaine May sketch. We laughed at Mike and Elaine. But we're not laughing at this trite imitation.

One thing that did grab us though, was Mariette Hartley's portrayal of Melinda. It looks like the launching of a very talented comedienne, on the order of Elaine May or Paula Prentiss.

"The Happiness Bench" is at the Theatre of Living Arts prior to its attack on Broadway, but I don't think that Broadway will have to put up with it for very long.

Ad Libitum

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erty to discuss anything which has a bearing on the question of education."

The discussion was attended by about twenty students and six faculty members. Dr. Thomas felt that the timing of these discussions was very appropriate since the departments are about to begin evaluating the teachers and they are interested in student opinion on the educational process at CCP.

Dr. Thomas opened the floor to questions, answers, and proposals, whereupon one girl began a hot debate on why the students in the secretarial curriculum must be forced to follow special dress regulations. It seems that the students must wear clothes fitting the nature of the job they will have, once they leave the college. Most of the girls attending from the secretarial curriculum agreed this system was unfair, but were willing to compromise on a system, by which they would follow a specific dress regulation every so often to assure the teacher of the course that they are aware of the good grooming befitting the job of secretary. There was also agreement on the fact that policy should be more explicitly explained before hand in the bulletins of the college.

The other issue which occupied the rest of the hour session was raised when Dr. Thomas announced that CCP must choose its one "great teacher." The purpose of this choice is to put this teacher in the running for a fellowship being offered by a joint council of the junior colleges. This led on to a lengthy discussion of what actually makes a "great teacher," and what would be the best criteria for choosing this teacher. Opinions ranged from letting the students be the sole judges, to a combination of faculty-student opinion, to letting the teacher's colleagues be the sole judges.

The session ended without deter-

'Learn & Live - In Science'

By C. E. Love

The college students, who concentrate their courses in biology and chemistry, especially analytical chemistry, have broadened their scope to the extent that they are in a position to have science or technology or both as a career. They may advance their education in some specific scientific area, such as Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry, Human Physiology, or Radiation Biology and enter research or become professional.

This can be accomplished while the student earns a small salary on weekends and in the summers. After the second year in science many university research centers and hospital laboratories will use these college science students as apprentices or assistants. They intensify their learning in, or learn practically, the basic laboratory practices such as:

(1) The correct cleaning of glassware, sterilizing procedures of various kinds of beakers, flasks, pipettes, etc.

(2) The proper care and use of microscopes.

(3) The preparation of standard solutions, the calibrations involved, the usage of the colorimeter and the metric system.

(4) The laboratory routines, for hospitals such as urinalysis, blood analysis, the preparation of equipment for bacteriology studies, assistance in the use of the electrocardiogram, basal metabolism, and X-rays.

The cooperative work-study program, that is offered by many colleges, makes college available with less financial burden. There are other advantages for such a student. The academic work becomes more meaningful as he gains invaluable experience, he matures, and he gains an employment record while attending college.

These programs are available for both male and female college students in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, medical technology, etc., thus combining theory with practice to obtain knowledge and position.

Holiday Dance On December 28

The Social Committee will sponsor a Holiday Dance on Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in the Garden Terrace Room. A buffet dinner will be served with a dinner following.

Tickets will go on sale during the first week of December.

mining what the proper criteria would be, but many ideas and opinions were aired in a dialogue of faculty and students.

The topics of the next ad libitum will be "student government" and "how the students can best play a role in the plans for the new campus." Students and faculty are advised to keep an eye on the bulletin boards for the time and date.

Club News

AMS

The Administrative Management Society has finally gotten in contact with those people who need the most help in our society. The members of AMS assist people who are unemployed or who need help in solving their personal problems.

Some of the hard-core cases which the club has gotten into contact with include: a girl who has an illegitimate child who is receiving help from an AMS member. The girl is accompanied to the public assistance office for public aid. Such accompaniment was needed because the unwed mother found the red tape of public assistance too complicated to comprehend. Another case involves training in the basic skills which are vital for passing employment tests given by businesses. Such training includes improvement in general math, English, and typing skills. After the training has been completed, these people are placed in jobs in the Philadelphia area. The AMS is working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Employment Agency; they provide the AMS with unemployables for training and other help. This is the only such program now in progress in the nation which is headed by the Administrative Management Society Senior Association.

The club is strongly in need of new members and it was discovered that many students felt that the AMS found jobs for those people who basically could go out on their own and find employment themselves. Moreover, there was the misconception that the AMS was only for Business students. Thus, the idea of helping the hard-core unemployed and the needy people in Philadelphia was completely lost when the club was soliciting new members in the beginning of the semester. All those who are interested in having a part in this effort to help others, no matter what your curriculum is, are in-

vited to attend the next meeting on Dec. 3, in room 302 at 11:15. Join Operation Jobs.

ACS

Mike Monroe will be the guest lecturer at the Dec. 5 meeting of the American Chemistry Society in room 410.

Monroe's lecture, which will deal with "Radiation in Chemistry," will start at 11:15 a.m.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Stamp Club

Anyone interested in starting a stamp club here at CCP should see Sam Rothkoff who is a member of the college staff.

Spanish Club

At the recent meeting of the Spanish Club, a film entitled, "To Catch a Dream," which featured on location color film of Spain, was shown.

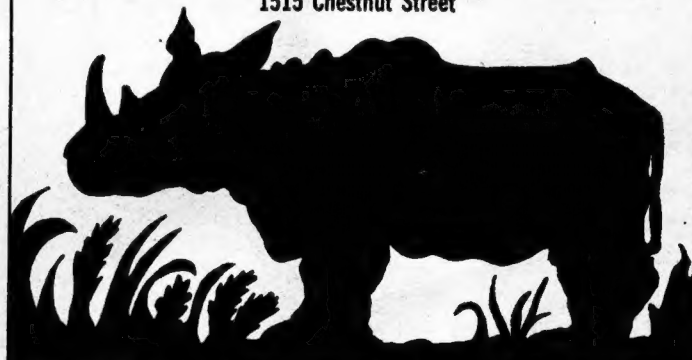
Anyone taking a Spanish course or interested in Spanish culture is asked to contact Dr. Ana Collado on the eighth floor or watch the newspaper or bulletin boards for announcements of future meetings.

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The Observer's Eye

I Learned My Lesson

By Melvin A. Nixon

After a pleasant evening with friends over dinner, I decided to take my date to the Drama Club's rendition of "The Lesson" by Eugene Ionesco.

The play deals with a farcical presentation of a supposedly Jewish professor and his student. In the beginning we are presented with a somewhat ludicrous student whose only redeeming point is her unique capability to memorize multiplicative factors. The professor is a rather demented old man who passes a few suggestive comments in reference to his student. He is easily excitable and obviously scholarly, although the latter view is not entirely apparent in Michael Marley's rendering. Mr. Marley, despite the fact that he delivered his lines fairly smoothly, fails to put the character across. In fact, one could detect a distinct change (for the worse) in the quality of his performance near the end, as opposed to that of the beginning. Perhaps, as some track men, he failed to get his second wind.

Kayleen Horan, presents an appealing visual stimulation and, at times, (dismissing a sprinkling of over-acting) seems to adequately portray "the student." However, in the overall view, she tends to be little more than a lovely asset to the setting.

Jemine Levy, who portrays the maid, is physically and visually convincing in the role, but falls by the wayside upon speaking.

I would, on second thought, question if the director were more interested in presenting a quaint visual show or in Ionesco's play.

Preceding Ionesco's play, due to the fact that the Drama Club encountered problems in presenting Genet's "The Maids," Edward Albee's "Fam and Yam" was presented by John Quintilliana and Barry Elkins.

"Fam and Yam" deals with an up and coming writer/critic and a member of the established writer's hierarchy.

For a last minute rush production, I felt that Mr. Quintilliana did a remarkable job. It was obvious that he was quite comfortable and relaxed in the role. In fact, despite reading several lines, I must say that it was the closest thing to a professional portrayal that I have ever seen on a CCP STAGE.

Barry Elkins, who played the anxious to please novice writer/critic rushed several lines and in general came across as an over excited prima donna.

Hillel Sponsors Lubavitch Series

Rabbi Abraham Shemtov of the Lubavitcher Center, spoke to members of Hillel on Tuesday, Nov. 19, on behalf of his efforts to start a Lubavitcher movement at CCP.

The Rabbi considered the presentation of his lecture as being a "challenge of a very important nature," in proving or disproving his belief that the youth of today will respond to an honest attempt in associating them with their religious heritage.

The Rabbi believes "that the average student of today...is looking for an answer to problems that bother him. The biggest problem of all, 'What is the purpose of life?'"

It is the purpose of Lubavitch to supply the answers desired, giving the Jewish student of today a stronger background in his religious heritage.

After a lengthy question and answer period, it was decided that a class, similar to those being held on other campuses, in the form of a discussion group on the purpose of the Lubavitcher Movement, would be established. It will meet every Tuesday at 11:15 in room 721, starting Nov. 26. The first topic for discussion will be the Jewish holiday of Chanuka, and all who are interested are invited to attend and participate.

Faculty Advisors

All recognized clubs at CCP chose a faculty advisor who is present for the benefit of the activity. But is the faculty advisor really necessary? "I don't think advisors are absolutely essential," says Mr. George C. Field, Director of Student Activities at CCP. "My experience with students, is that when they want advice, they ask for it; usually they ask whomever they have come to trust."

It is Mr. Field's belief, along with many others, that students are "capable of running their own affairs."

"All clubs should have a faculty advisor who is their liaison, but to what extent this person should be active in the affairs of the club is a point to be debated." Apparently, it is felt that faculty advisors are sometimes more active than they should be when it comes to the affairs of the activity.

Mr. Field thinks, "student activities should be student activities," and that "the purpose of an advisor in a student activity is that of his primary role as an educator," to "assist the students in 'pulling learning' from this co-curricular experience."

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Theaters:

"The Fig Leaves Are Falling" all over the place at the Shubert through Dec. 14. Barry Nelson, Dorothy Loudon, and Jules Munshin star in the new musical comedy with book and lyrics by Allan (My Son The Folk Singer) Sherman.

The Off-Broadway hit musical, "Your Own Thing," continues its run at the Walnut as long as ticket sales remain high.

Society Hill Playhouse presents its second show of the season, a critically acclaimed production of T. S. Elliot's "Murder In The Cathedral."

The Philadelphia premiere of "The Happiness Bench," a comedy by Thomas Bellin, is being presented at the Theatre of Living Arts. (See "On The Town.")

David Merrick presents "Forty Carats," a new comedy, starring Julie Harris, at the Forrest for two weeks, beginning Dec. 9.

For five weeks beginning Dec. 16, the Shubert hosts the return engagement of the musical hit, "Man Of La Mancha," starring Jose Ferrer.

Other Events:

The Electric Factory, 22nd and Arch streets, presents Country Joe and the Fish, tonight, Nov. 27.

On Dec. 1, the Spectrum hosts the "World Series of Jazz," featuring Count Basie, Nina Simone, Arthur Prysock, Gloria Lynn, and many more.

Also at the Spectrum will be the 2nd Quaker City Rock Festival, Dec. 6, featuring Steppenwolf, The Grateful Dead, and the Iron Butterfly, among other groups.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA
1968-69 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Nov. 30*	Spring Garden Junior College	8:00	H
Dec. 6*	Luzerne County Community College	8:30	H
Dec. 14*	Goldie Beacom Junior College	8:00	H
Dec. 20	Naval Academy (Plebes)	4:00	A
Dec. 21	Strayer Junior College	8:00	A
Jan. 3	Allegheny County Community College	8:00	A
Jan. 4	Johnstown Campus of the University of Pittsburgh	8:00	A
Jan. 10	La Salle Freshmen	8:00	H
Jan. 11*	Peirce Junior College	8:00	H
Jan. 16*	Goldie Beacom Junior College	8:30	A
Jan. 18	Allentown College	8:00	H
Jan. 22**	Israri Cup Championship Team	6:15	H
Jan. 24	Temple Freshmen	8:00	H
Jan. 25	Northeastern Junior College	8:30	A
Jan. 31	St. Joseph's Freshmen	8:00	H
Feb. 1*	Peirce Junior College	8:00	A
Feb. 7	Strayer Junior College	8:00	H
Feb. 8	Allentown College	8:00	A
Feb. 14	Luzerne County Community College	8:30	A
Feb. 15	Kings College Freshmen	6:30	A
Feb. 22*	Northeastern Junior College	8:30	H
Feb. 24	Villanova Freshmen	6:30	A
Feb. 28*	Spring Garden Junior College	8:00	A
Mar. 7-8	GPJCC Tournament		H

* GPJCC Games

** Spectrum

Dean Rebuffs

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I say they mean," said the Mad Hatter) it would seem that reality consists of students and non-students locked in mortal combat. All non-students are totally committed to the frustration of students' legitimate (Mr. Kurtz's term) rights. Presumably all students are or ought to be totally committed to grasping these legitimate rights.

Confronted with the cry "student power" a cynic such as myself not unnaturally asks, "Power to do what?" However, such a simplistic question demonstrates the failure to appreciate the logic and justice of Mr. Kurtz's legitimate complaint. Nevertheless, the question remains as well as other illogical questions such as: Of what does this "student power" consist? and in what ways has "the Administration" frustrated the legitimate rights of the students?

It comes down to this. If Mr. Kurtz is right then I and all other administrators are knowingly guilty of defrauding him and his fellow students of their legal rights, prerequisites and prerogatives. If, however, it should transpire that Mr. Kurtz's allegation is false, groundless or uninformed then he is guilty of libel and/or rabble rousing.

Clarence J. Bakken, a lawyer-educator, has studied in depth and written at length about this matter of student rights and power. I do not suggest that his is the last word but it will do until Mr. Kurtz and company do their homework. In response to Mr. Kurtz I should like to quote some brief excerpts from Mr. Bakken's legal opinion:

"California is the only state that specifically provides for a student governmental organization."

"It appears that governing boards of colleges and universities may establish student government in their institutions if they believe it will facilitate good government

and discipline within the schools. The student government, thus instituted, must always be subject to the control of the faculty, the administration, or the board and operate strictly within the framework of the charter or grant of authority given."

"...a minor student should not be considered an adult in holding him responsible for his acts." (viz. in such matters as financial contracts.)

Student courts with limited jurisdiction and free appeal to the hearing officer...would provide adequate experience for the students involved without placing fellow students in jeopardy and bringing them unnecessary publicity."

"Legally, students as such have no rights or freedom apart from those granted by the governing boards, administrators, or faculty. Any rights they have are rights granted to all citizens by the Constitution."

For Mr. Kurtz's information the real problem may not be the arbitrary exercise of power by "the Administration." One power no public institution may exercise is the ceding of responsibility invested in it by the inaugural authority--the statutory laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States. Until these fundamental laws are altered student groups vying for power may create dissension without achieving change.

George C. Field

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Brevity Urged

Editor:

Someone should remind Mr. John Kurtz that, "Brevity is the soul of wit."

M. Howard

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